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# Truckers' strike cries out gas pumps

By Kathy French  
Staff Writer

The independent truck drivers strike has caused empty gasoline pumps in Jeffersonville this week.

Tuesday, at least two service stations were closed, another was only open in the afternoon, and all of the independent stations were out of regular gasoline, with premium gas running low.

The Summit Service Station at 3905 Taylorville Rd. was closed Monday. Painted on the window in large white letters, "truck strike, no delivery, out of gas" told the story, although the manager was unavailable for comment.

Lindsey Greenwell, sole employee of Topp Service Station, 2979 Taylorville Road, said Monday, he ran out of regular gas that afternoon, "and we will run out of premium in two days." He added when the premium gas is gone, the station will close.

No gas means no job for Greenwell, who said, "I'll probably get laid off about Wednesday." He blamed his lack of fuel on the truck strike and said he had no idea when more gasoline would be delivered.

The other Topp, at 10004 Taylorville Road, also was out of regular gas by Monday, but still pumping premium. Tuesday afternoon, the premium was all gone, and a sign posted in the window said, "We are temporarily out of gas."

Down the street, the People's filling station was only open Monday afternoon from 1 pm to 6 pm. By 2:30 Monday afternoon, Eddie Turner of Peoples said his regular gas was depleted.

Also, Turner said, his premium gas would be gone "today or tomorrow" even with the shorter hours both Monday and Tuesday. And again, Turner blamed the truck strike.

These stations should have received their monthly gasoline allocations around the first of February. But, Carl Brangers, manager of Convenient Food

Mart, 9715 Taylorville Road, said, "It (the truck strike) makes us out the first of the month instead of the last."

Brangers said he was out of gasoline the last week of January and "has been looking for the truck since last Friday." Usually, he said, the fuel suppliers deliver his monthly allocation in "three loads over a three-week period," causing gasoline depletion often by the last week of the month.

Only the manager of Handy Food Mart, 10002 Taylorville Road, James C. White did not blame his empty tanks on the truck strike. He said his gas is shipped by in-town transporters.

White said he ordered his gas and it takes half a week for delivery. Actually, White was optimistic about the future since he said his allocations for February were increased. March allotments should be increased again, and by summer, White said, he expects to get all the gasoline he needs.

## Four men in Frankfort

### Daisy Thaler terms senate 'invaluable experience'

THESE ARTICLES and photographs of the Taylorville Road area's three freshman legislators were taken in Frankfort last Friday by staff writers Robin Garr III and Sandy Hinton.



DAISY THALER (D-34th)

"Until you've actually gone through it, you can't appreciate it. It's educational and it's an invaluable experience," said Senator Daisy Thaler (D-34th), of her role as freshman senator in Frankfort.

She said she spends many hours a week devoted to her job, keeping up with what's going on in her committee. Sen. Thaler serves on the business and professional organizations committee and the public utilities and transportation committee.

Now in the process of being drafted is a bill introduced by Sen. Thaler, that would put some form of stipulation on the sale of hyperdermic needles and syringes in a further effort to control drug abuse, she said.

"I've found that it would not be the thing to have them as a prescription item, but maybe people should register when purchasing them," she said. The bill is now under study.

She also is co-sponsoring a bill which would allow fifth- and sixth-class city police marshals to use a flashing blue light on their personal cars. Some of the small cities cannot afford to purchase a car for their law enforcement officials, so this would allow the use of the blue light for emergencies, she said.

Rep. Mark D. O'Brien (D-31st) and Sen. Thaler have introduced companion

bill to give St. Regis Park fourth-class city status. According to Sen. Thaler, when a bill is introduced simultaneously in the House and the Senate, the procedure to make it law is expedited.

As one of two women senators, she has sponsored a bill that would allow women to make contracts or sell real estate.

"This will help people who are married or divorced and own property in their own name. They would not have to have their husband sign," she said.

Sen. Thaler observed the "bills are coming in heavy now -- we're really moving at a fast pace and sometimes a bill comes up before I'm ready for it to come up."

When she receives a copy of a bill that has come out of senate committee, she said, she goes to the sponsor and asks him the exact intent of the bill.

"I also ask who would be opposed to the bill, why there is opposition -- listen to both sides and find out what would be the ramifications of the bill," she said.

With each bill, Sen. Thaler learns if it will cost any more money, she

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## Benson ponders controversial tax bill

Bob Benson (D-33rd) settled back into his large swivel chair last Friday, just after a brief session of the House of Representatives.

"They, you want a scoop? I'm introducing this bill next week that is going to be quite controversial," he said.

The bill, if passed in its present form, would allow local governments in the state to levy special taxes on manufacturing firms within their city.

Benson said he has studied the measure in depth and feels it would reap over \$1 million in general revenue which could be channeled into the financially troubled school systems. A portion of the revenue also could be used for mass transit programs, he said.

"But, we're going to hear a lot of opposition from local chambers of commerce" because it might be a deterrent to large manufacturing firms locating in the state, Benson said.

He is co-sponsoring a bill along with Norbert Blume (D-43rd), Speaker of the House, relating to equal rights for women. The bill, he said, would repeal any Kentucky laws involving sex discrimination.

With the right to equality would come



BOB BENSON (D-33rd)

certain responsibilities, he said. The bill would eliminate the now-mandatory rest periods for working women, the mandatory couch in women's rest rooms and other such luxuries, Benson added.

"I really believe that men and women are equal," said the freshman

legislator. "I don't myself look upon women as inferior."

"Of course, there has been some concern by some people that this would make men and women too equal. I've had some phone calls at home from women who are not in favor of it -- you'd be surprised at how many women don't want to be equal, I mean, this takes away what women have now," he said.

In a busy few weeks as a state lawmaker, Benson has introduced or sponsored nine bills, and said he would like to introduce many more before the session ends March 22.

But, there is not enough time, so he will introduce those he believes most important, he added.

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court rejected for legal abortions to be performed during the first three months of pregnancy. Benson said there is not much the General Assembly can do to reverse the decision. They can, however, state their position in the form of a resolution calling on Congress to amend the U. S. Constitution.

Such a resolution has been intro-

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## Police matters top council agenda

By Robin Garr III  
Staff Writer

Police matters topped the agenda in Jeffersontown Monday.

The New Direction Team council began implementing campaign promises to improve police communications and increase the size of the police force. At Monday's council meeting, Councilman Thomas A. Barrett revealed plans to install a telephone "push-talk" system that automatically will transfer calls from Jeffersontown police headquarters to the county police radio room, when no one is answering the phone in Jeffersontown.

"This gives you what you and your administration promised," said special advisor John H. Connors. "A 24-hour police protection without having to listen to the 'squawk box' first."

During the campaign, the council team led by former police chief Herbert S. Meyer Jr., criticized the police "squawk box," -- the telephone in-

suring device that refers callers to local police in the Jefferson County police number after business hours.

Cost of the telephone switching device, according to Barrett, will be \$39.65 monthly. An alternate system, which would transfer city police calls downtown at any time no policeman is in the office as well as after business hours, might be more, he added.

The council approved the expenditure, as well as another communications proposal presented by special advisor Charles E. Ricketts Jr.

That installation, costing the city \$425 monthly, will place an antenna and transmitter system atop the Jeffersontown water tower on Taylorville Road just east of Waterson Turn.

Attached by telephone lines to a base station in police headquarters.

linking Jeffersontown with city, county and state police headquarters throughout the state.

The base station, purchased with Kentucky Crime Commission funds, has been stored in City Hall since last year.

In other police business, the council approved the appointment, and swore in, three new police officers, James D. Collett, James R. Woosley and James S. Haranasky.

Because the council is considering a change in the Jeffersontown police uniform, said Mayor Meyer, the three new men won't purchase uniforms yet, but will patrol in plain clothes for their first few weeks of duty.

After the council meeting, Meyer and council representatives met with an official of a Lexington police agency to discuss various uniform alternatives.

The council also authorized Police

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## O'Brien seeks experience, respect

Mark D. O'Brien (D-31st) smiled and readily admitted he can point to few concrete accomplishments during his first few weeks as a freshman legislator.

"I don't feel I've accomplished anything to gain the respect of the legislature," O'Brien said. "But, hopefully, I've done nothing to lose their respect, either."

"The biggest thing has been to meet the people connected with the legislature, and view its workings, hopefully to become a decent representative."

"If I have the chance to put in a good bill, I think the feelings and the respect of my peers may aid its success," O'Brien said. "I intend, as I promised in my campaign, to serve the people."

Much of his time during the General Assembly's first four weeks, O'Brien said, has been spent studying rapidly growing binders filled with proposed new legislation.

Weekly, on Saturday mornings, he and area Senator Daisy Thaler (D-34th) have been meeting constituents at Dutch treat breakfasts at the Ramada Inn in Jeffersontown.

O'Brien admitted he has "a couple" of bills in mind to introduce this session, but eagerly added, "I don't want to divulge them right now, so nobody will hop on a good idea. There's nothing earth-shattering about them."

O'Brien co-sponsored, with

Rep. Ed Holloway (D-47th), a bill petitioning for fourth-class city status for the city of St. Regis Park, which includes both a constitutional amendment within its borders. Mrs. Thaler has introduced a similar bill in the Senate.

O'Brien also joined with several

of his fellow legislators in sponsoring several major bills and resolutions, including petitions to the U. S. Congress to pass a constitutional amendment limiting abortion, and calling for a

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MARK D. O'BRIEN (D-31st) discusses a bill with his legislative seatmate Victor Hellard Jr., Democrat of Versailles.



Jeffersontown Christian Church will be held at St. Regis Park on Feb. 10, at the 10:45 am worship service. The church's scout troop will participate.

A VALENTINE Sweetheart box supper will be sponsored by the Spares and Pairs class at Jeffersontown Christian Church on Saturday, Feb. 16. Decorated box suppers will be auctioned at 6:30 pm.

DAISY NIGHT will be held at Kennedy Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Six fathers will compete for the title "Mr. Kennedy" in a "she-male" contest.

Sponsored by the PTA, "Mr. Kennedy" will be selected by a panel of judges. PTA president, Wayne Perky will be the master of ceremonies. The contest will begin at 7:30 pm.

THE JEFFERSONTOWN Elementary School PTA will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 pm. Physical education teacher, Mrs. Vanderpool and her students will present a demonstration of PE activities.

AN APPRECIATION coffee will be held at Jeffersontown Elementary School in honor of those who worked on the school's Christmas bazaar.

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## Canoeists, ahoy!

Canoeists ahoy! Next month will bring the first big canoe race Jefferson County has seen in many years to Floyd Fork east of Middletown.

The great race will be sponsored by The Voice-Jefferson and the newly-formed Long Run Sportsmen's Club. It will be held March 16, over a 13-mile course from the Oldham County line to Fisherville.

Trophies valued at \$150 will be awarded winners of a series of races designed to challenge canoeists of all abilities.

Forrest Chilton, chairman of the club's race committee, outlined plans for the event at a meeting of the club Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

He said the race has several purposes: to encourage canoeing as a family sport, to foster the highest standards of sportsmanship and to build support for preserving Floyd Fork as a fine recreational area.

"And if we can have some fun along the way, so much the better," Chilton said.

Chilton and The Voice-Jefferson are cooperating with Gary Medley of the Viking Canoe Club of Louisville to establish race rules and procedures to insure a well-run race.

He stressed that people of all ages and abilities will be encouraged to enter one or more of seven races now being planned for the afternoon of March 16. In case of very high water, which could make the stream dangerous, the race would be postponed one week, Chilton said.

The longest race would be for one-

man kayaks and two-man tandem canoes. The course would extend from the Oldham County line downstream some 11 miles to Echo Trail. The shortest would be a two-mile race between Alton and Piercy Mill Roads.

Canoeists from throughout the metropolitan area will be invited to participate in a "spudrunner" cruise along the entire route on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1:30 pm. This will give the public a chance to preview the race course before March 16.

More information can be obtained by calling the newspaper at 895-5436 or Mr. Chilton at 246-8718.

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## Daisy calls lawmaking 'educational' process

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added, she does not believe politics is played in the Senate during the session. At least, she has not seen any evidence of voting along party lines. "It takes everyone working together, and represent both Democrats and Republicans," she added.

Sen. Thaler said she feels her hands

are tied on the matter of busing for racial balance. "I just don't know what I can do about it. It's hanging in federal court and people have a valid reason for being upset," she said, adding that she has received several phone calls against the ruling.

"It's a shame really, that judges have so much authority," she concluded.

## Benson views tax bill

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dured and is co-sponsored by several legislators including Benson. The anti-abortion measure, he said, grants rights of the living to the unborn. Speaking of the Illinois Bill are in the 33rd district, Benson said drainage on the south fork of Beargrass Creek is one big problem.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers in Louisville is conducting a study of solutions for the flooding, but Benson said any action will be six, seven or eight years away.

"The thing is -- they have to justify the expenses by the savings and that may be hard to do," he said.

Benson calls himself an "independent thinker" in his legislative role. "I was for the open rules committee and was the only freshman to speak out for it. I'm not a party voter --

I vote what I think is best. You watch the voting up here sometime and a lot of people will wait to see how (Harold) DeMarcus votes," he said. DeMarcus, a senior Republican legislator from Stanford, is minority floor leader.

Benson claims the most important job he has is "keeping current with the orders of the day. The simplest bill may be on something I have no knowledge on at all," he said.

First, Benson said he reads and studies the bill. Next, he talks to the sponsor to learn the exact intent of the bill and to various state department heads who have knowledge in that particular field.

Last, he talks to members of industry or groups directly affected by the law. Then, he makes a decision on how to vote when the bill comes on the floor of the House.

## School tax, busing talk top legislators' breakfast

By Sandy Hinton  
Staff Writer

If the one-quarter percent occupational tax is not renewed during the 1974 General Assembly, Jefferson County and Louisville city schools may be forced to merge, believes Marlene Helfrich, representing the 14th district PTA.

Mrs. Helfrich told Rep. Mark D. O'Brien (D-31st) and Senator Daisy Thaler (D-30th) at O'Brien's legislative breakfast last Saturday, that local schools depend on the funding received from the tax.

So far, no bill has been introduced to continue the tax, and local officials planned to lobby in Frankfort this week in support of the renewal.

"(Without the funding) it would wipe out the boundary line. The city of Louisville (schools) cannot operate at a deficit," said Mrs. Helfrich.

"If we do not have this additional funding, the State Department of Education has said we cannot operate independently." This would result in a metropolitan school district, she said.

Opponent

But, Mrs. Martha Fisher, of 7803 Brownwood Drive, told the lawmakers she is against the tax.

"The voters were promised this would not be carried on past this time. We should quit paying money into these schools until they improve," she said.

Mrs. Fisher said she has visited several schools in the county and found they "do nothing but play games, have toys to play with -- it's just a mess in those special education classes."

"I just couldn't believe my eyes. I came home physically sick," she said. Peggy Wolford, also active in the PTA.

said she doesn't think all schools can be blamed for what some schools do. "If anything, we need higher taxes for our schools," she said.

O'Brien said he has received very little mail on the subject from either side.

"I would like to get a little more input on this. I have to justify my vote," he added.

Busing

Also discussed at length during the legislative breakfast was the prospect of busing school children as a result of the U. S. 5th Circuit Court's recent desegregation decision.

Mrs. Helfrich spoke of State Rep. Doty Fidelity's (D-Louisville) resolution calling for a constitutional convention to revise the U. S. constitution to forbid busing for racial balance.

"I personally would prefer," Sen. Thaler told the group, "that my children not be bused out of the school district, and I think most people would agree."

"But -- a constitutional convention frightens me," Mrs. Thaler said. "I have checked with the state and U. S. attorney general's offices, and I'm told you can't have a constitutional convention for just one subject."

"It would be opening Pandora's box to change or amend anything in the constitution, and there are some people in Congress who would give anything to have that chance," the 34th district senator said.

"Really," Mrs. Thaler explained, "the backers (of the convention call) just hope Congress will get the message, and initiate an amendment on their own -- it's sort of a 'scare tactic,' so to speak."

O'Brien added, "Probably not more than one percent of the people in the district, or less, are in favor of busing."

that. The court's mandate is the law. This is our form of government, and until the Supreme Court rules otherwise, we must follow the court's mandate.

"We have no specific answers, and there is no specific plan," Mrs. Tully concluded.

Other matters discussed at the weekly legislative breakfast included public employee collective bargaining, mass transportation, and drug abuse problems.

O'Brien and Mrs. Thaler will continue their weekly breakfast session on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 am in the main dining room of the Ramada Inn, Hurstbourne Lane at I-64. The public is welcome.

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## O'Brien seeks experience

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constitutional convention on racial-busing.

In most of the bills coming to early vote this session, O'Brien has voted with Democratic House leadership, in one departure from this rule, he voted in the minority against House Bill 64, expressing fear of its possible rewards to oil and gas industry.

In the "overall attitude of its members," O'Brien concluded, the legislature has more than lived up to his expectations. "Before the '74 legislature started, my only reference was to previous sessions," he said.

"I was led to believe that the General Assembly members would be different than I found. I found them to be very honest, straightforward and dedicated, giving consideration to each bill on

its own merits rather than partisan values.

"Of all the legislators I've met," he said, "there's not one I wish I hadn't met. By rights, when one reaches the floor of the General Assembly, the partisanship should stop -- each represents his people."

## Pedestrian struck, dies Thursday

Mrs. Osa Temple, 67, of 110 N. Birchwood Avenue, survived a rush-hour traffic accident near Jefferson-town last Wednesday, only to suffer fatal injuries minutes later as she tried to walk across Taylorville Road, near Six Mile Lane.

The first accident, reported by Jefferson County Police Officer Bob Yates, happened at 4:30 pm when the car driven by Everett B. Temple, 70, collided with the auto of Charles E. Peak, 24, of 2114 Frey Drive, both eastbound in the 5200 block of Taylorville Road.

No injuries were reported, and the two cars sustained moderate damage.

Shortly afterward, according to the county police report, Mrs. Temple, who had been riding in her husband's car, walked across Taylorville Road and was struck by the auto driven by Michael S. O'Leary, 16, of 3131 Hummer Boulevard.

According to the police report, young O'Leary's brakes locked when he tried to stop for the pedestrian, and the auto hit her.

Mrs. Temple was taken to Suburban Hospital by county police, where she died the next day, Thursday, about 8 pm.

The former Osa Mae Price, Mrs. Temple was a native of Spencer County. She is survived by her husband; two sons, John C. Temple, of Elkes Point, and Donald R. Temple, of Jefferson-town; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was buried Monday in Shelbyville.

What's your opinion? Make it count for more with a letter to the Editor, 109 Chenoweth Lane, St. Matthews, 40207.

## Area club woman sews a fine seam

Mrs. Lamonte Richardson of Pamela Way, member of the Meadow Heights Woman's Club, is the state winner in a sewing contest sponsored by the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The contest was held during the mid-winter board meeting held in Fort Mitchell on Jan. 30.

Mrs. Richardson, who moved to state competition after winning the district contest in October, will represent Kentucky at the General Federation of Woman's Club's national competition in Minneapolis, Minn. on May 28.

## Pot luck at Goldsmiths

The PTA of Goldsmith Lane Elementary School will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11 am. A Founders Day pot-luck luncheon will follow at noon.

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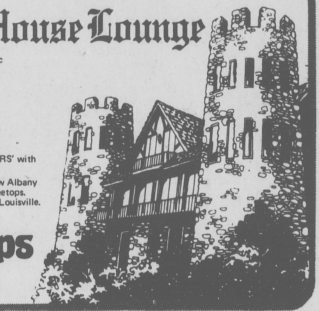
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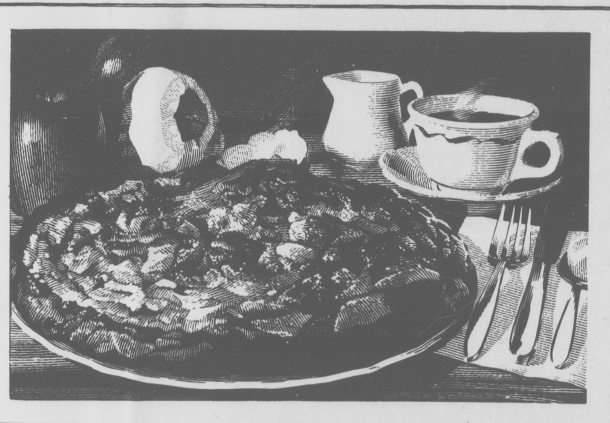
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REPRESENTATIVES Ed Holloway (left) and E. Bruce Blythe Jr., talk politics at the end of Friday's legislative session.

# Blythe continues his war on noise

By Robin Garr III  
Staff Writer

Ever since State Rep. E. Bruce Blythe Jr. (R-32nd) first came to the General Assembly in 1961, he's made noise pollution his area of special interest. The 1974 session is no exception, as the veteran legislator kicked off his seventh term by filing House Bill 121, which would require the state commissioner of natural resources and environmental protection to develop a state-wide program of noise regulation.

"Three years ago," Blythe recalled in a Frankfort interview last week, "they completed I-64 from the Water-son Expressway to the Kennedy Bridge, and split my district right in half. 'There's no question but everybody got damn mad and up I lit about it, in that the highway came through there with all its dust and noise, even though 20,000 people in the district had opposed it,'" the representative said. "Though we were unsuccessful in getting the highway blocked, the best we can do now is get some relief from the terrible noise problem."

House Bill 121 could bring that relief to his constituents surrounding Cherokee and Seneca Parks, Blythe believes, by setting up a department of noise pollution abatement to administer federal noise standards to be issued April 1 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"No overnight wave of quietness will descend upon us," Blythe admitted, "but, with the EPA regulations and state laws, people, and particularly truckers, will be put on notice to the fact they'll have to comply with the federal and state laws."

"I have personal knowledge that all the responsible trucking firms I've talked to will be glad to comply, as soon as they know what to comply with," Blythe said. "Now, there's no law at all," except for community anti-noise ordinances.

The bill was expected to be out of committee this week, and on the house floor for a vote next week, according to Blythe.

As minority chairman for the house committee on cities, Blythe also is involved with major legislation reviewing changes in state planning and zoning laws.

House Bill 147, concurrently filed as Senate Bill 57, would impose significant changes in Kentucky laws about zoning, Blythe said.

If the bill passes the senate, Blythe plans to hold public hearings in Frankfort while the legislation is in house committee.

Among major impact of this omnibus planning and zoning bill, Blythe said, are these basic areas:

- Required notification of landowners adjacent to proposed zoning change, by certified mail.

- Redefinition of the term "sub-division" to include land parcels of five acres or more.
- Authorization for a hearing examiner to conduct zoning public hearings.
- Strengthening of "plan certain" regulations binding developers to their land development plans.
- Inclusion of public utilities and government agencies in the rezoning process.

"This bill definitely strengthens planning and zoning commissions," Blythe said. "It gives the commission a firmer grasp and better protection on future orderly growth."

Blythe also has introduced bills dealing with bicycles (House Bill 331), "Recognizing the bicycle as a useful and desirable mode of transportation" and with banking (House Bill 239), a highly technical proposal allowing government agencies to invest their funds in government-backed securities in order to enjoy a higher interest rate.

Long a proponent of election of aldermen and fiscal court commissioners by ward or district, Blythe performed an apparent turnaround recently by voting against a bill that would have permitted district voting in primary elections.

But, he explained, the bill was voted against as "half a loaf, and not enough. It was a device to shut those of us who want district elections in the general election."

District voting in primaries could be established by statute, Blythe explained, while in general elections it would require a constitutional amendment.

In the 1972 session, Blythe introduced a proposal for such an amendment, but it died in committee. The legislator said he probably will introduce a simi-

lars it will meet a similar fate. "I believe this is probably the hardest working, fastest working legislature I have been privileged to be a part of," Blythe concluded.

"I am convinced the makeup of the legislator -- the guys are gettin' better -- more dedicated, younger men, who work harder. The state legislature no longer is a haven for political hacks, defeated county judges and sheriffs, as it was when I first came up here."

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## Holloway backs the mushroom

By Susan Manne  
Staff Writer

The mushroom as Kentucky's official state fungus?

Rep. Edward Holloway of Middletown (R-47th) said the bill he is co-sponsoring in the General Assembly is "kind of a fun thing with some validity."

He added that the bill is "somewhat facetious" and pokes fun at the legislature's controversy over the official state tree. The controversy, Holloway believes, "detracts from important legislation."

About 20 years ago, holloway said, the Assembly thought they passed a bill naming the tulip poplar as the official tree. And, for more than 20 years, everyone assumed that was the state tree.

Now, due to a technicality, the Assembly has learned, the bill never became law and legislators are again pushing for their favorite tree -- perhaps the sycamore or redwood.

As long as everyone was so busy lobbying for their tree, Holloway said, he thought they might as well "throw in the fungus, too."

On the serious side, he added, the Sangall family operates a large mushroom farm east of Middletown and Kentucky climate is regarded favorable for mushroom production. And that boosts the state economy.

The bill was to be considered in committee this week.

Holloway also is co-sponsoring a bill which would require fire districts to have a CPA audit their books, and file the audit with the board of the fire district and the county clerk.

Holloway said the fire districts in the 47th District are in favor of the bill and already are complying with an audit.

He believes there has been some "hanky-panky and bending of the rules" among fire districts in other parts of Jefferson County.

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#### EDITORIAL

## Busing for integration is a necessary evil

To our knowledge, no one on either side of the school integration issue has yet to advocate busing of students to achieve racial balance as a desirable thing. No one, young or old, liberal or conservative, wants busing -- and that probably includes members of the Federal Circuit Courts and U. S. Supreme Court who have sanctioned it in the past.

But it is equally clear that without a busing program of some size, no substantial amount of racial integration will be possible. Until that happens, public education will remain inherently unequal and, therefore, unlawful.

The people of this area are thus confronted with these short-term alternatives:

- They may move out of the county.
- They may place their children in private schools.
- They may make the best of an unpleasant situation. About 15-20 percent of the students in any given suburban school may have to be bused elsewhere.

These are immediate alternatives. In addition, local people have three long-term options:

- They can hope the Supreme Court overturns the Circuit Court's opinion, and finds either that more integration is not required or that cross-district integration is not required.
- They can work to so integrate housing patterns that the need for artificial integration procedures such as busing will no longer exist.
- They can amend the Constitution of the United States so as to outlaw busing to achieve equal educational opportunity.

The school boards, of course, have no options at all. They must, under threat of violating a court order, now prepare integration plans. They can appeal to the Supreme Court while they do so, but they can no longer escape the duty to prepare workable integration plans.

#### No grandstanding

Fortunately for the entire community, officials of all three school systems -- Louisville, Jefferson County and Anchorage -- have made it plain they will obey the courts. There has been no grandstanding, no demagoguery -- or at least not enough to encourage any widespread belief that school integration can be avoided. Superintendents Newman Walker, Richard Vanhook and Elizabeth Ann Ewing deserve congratulations for the tenor of their public statements on this issue.

Even members of Save Our Community Schools, who have demonstrated massive com-

munity support for their anti-busing views, deserve good marks on that point. Time after time they have asserted their opposition to boycotts, demonstrations and any hint of violence. They have pledged to obey the law as interpreted by the courts.

Their main thrust is reasonable: change the law so as to make busing to achieve racial balance illegal. In our view this is a risky and hopeless task. By the time it could be achieved, if it could, the practice would have been in operation for many years. In the process, the Constitutional Convention they seek easily could wreck other treasured portions of the Constitution.

#### Other alternatives

Another short-term answer is running away. We can almost hear the real estate agents of Oldham County tacking their chops at the expected land rush. But before the few Jefferson County residents capable of making such a move do so, we expect they will carefully evaluate the quality of schools awaiting them there and the costs of such an escape.

Private schools are another answer now being investigated by hundreds of East End families. However, the cost and the limited space available in accredited schools restrict their appeal of this option. Thankfully, the Catholic Archdiocese has stated it will not let its schools be used for segregationists.

It has been impressive, in recent weeks, to hear the argument repeatedly made that "integration is not the problem," but that busing out of one's neighborhood is an argument implies that people are unwilling to accept living in integrated neighborhoods, but will not accept busing out of that neighborhood if it means no school.

If people in this county are now willing to live in integrated surroundings, the evidence of their change in heart is hard to find. The existence of a state fair housing law has given courageous blacks the weapon they need to buy homes where they want them. It has not brought about freedom of choice in housing: it has not changed the practices of the vast majority of real estate agents; it has not had any important impact on housing patterns.

Until there is very substantial change in this situation, until we become a more or less integrated society, it will be necessary -- if the law is to be obeyed -- to find artificial ways to integrate the public schools.

It should thus be clear that the basic problem is, in fact, one

of integration -- of blacks and whites being willing to live together in substantial numbers.

One basic way to put an end to busing, therefore, is to encourage more people to buy homes in suburbia.

#### Elimination of tensions

As we all deal with busing, our overriding concern ought to be the elimination of racial tensions which stem from a long history of racial prejudice. Attitudes will change slowly at best, but without some stimulus they would not change at all. Integrated education, integrated employment, integrated housing -- all are part of the process of changing attitudes which are at the heart of the matter.

Busing may be uncomfortable -- even outrageous -- for many people, but if our nation is to live up to its goal of equal opportunity, it appears to be a necessary evil for now.

## LETTERS . . . More defense of discipline

Dear Editor:

This is one small voice of protest to the content of your editorial in the Jan. 24 Voice-Jeffersonian concerning the Jefferson County High School in general and Mr. Sexton in particular. First of all, it would be interesting to know if the writer of that editorial has any children, and if so, are they of school age?

For your information, last year a detailed questionnaire was sent to each home, asking the parents to complete and return them to the school. Questions were asked concerning various stages of dress and undress, smoking on school property, discipline, cutting classes, length of hair, etc. These responses were tabulated, and I am sure, went a long way toward telling our school administrators what we as parents prefer.

Therefore, the dictatorial atmosphere indicated by your article might have a wider base than just one hardened and cynical frustrated educator (also indicated by your article).

The slur about the repression of freedom of the press in connection with the cafeteria visit to other schools also leaves a great deal to be desired in the field of fair journalism. If one of the three visits was made to a school with less desirable cafeteria facilities than Jefferson County, the indiscriminate naming of this school could have been detrimental to that school, its cafeteria manager, its principal and the Board of Education. This would have been much more serious than "the embarrassment of an assistant principal."

It would be interesting, if your

paper is so inclined and capable, to take an unbiased poll of the student body at Jefferson County High to see what their thoughts might be. My opinion, being a parent and over thirty, is obviously biased, narrow, unfair, and worthless.

In a recent issue of our daily newscasts was a statement by Dr. Benjamin Spock himself, to the effect that parents should disregard his and other liberal-minded child-rearing advocates, and return to stricter discipline tempered with common sense. He went on to say that the following of his recommendations had produced "a spoiled generation" of young citizens.

I have always enjoyed the articles and editorials in the Voice-Jeffersonian and regret to see them used for character assassination on both a school

and an individual. The privilege of freedom of the press also carries with it the equal responsibility of full and fair reporting. Your editorialist has forgotten about this part.

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## Says Kentucky law permits paddling students

Dear Editor:

In reply to your editorial of January 24th, "Jefferson County Contrasts a Cop and a Schoolmaster," I live in Jefferson County. I have a teenager attending Jefferson County High School. I am a member of the PTA, and I also work at the high school (in the health room) when needed.

I have contact with the students and also Mr. Sexton. I know Mr. Sexton for the fine educator he is, and find him neither frus-

trated nor a man demanding blind obedience with the constant threat of paddling or expulsion, as you described him.

He is a teacher who spends extra hours with students on out-of-school activities without extra pay -- a man who follows the rules set down by the Jefferson County Board of Education and our state legislators (who we as parents and voters elected to office) which permit paddling in the schools, rules which commend expulsion from school for certain infractions of those rules.

As for the golden picture you painted of Capt. Tucker, I commend you for praising the police force.

But I do not agree fully with him -- nor you that the school that expelled him for cutting classes was responsible for nearly ruining his life.

Where was the adult behind this 15-year-old boy, who permitted him to make such an important decision as to whether he would cut classes or not? Where was the trustee of

the school who permitted this 15-year-old boy to be out of school, before it became necessary to expel him? And he himself must shoulder some of the blame for his youthful rebellion.

Any parent that is not satisfied with the discipline in the schools, let him go to the Board of Education and register a complaint and try to change the rules. If he does not approve of paddling, let him go to the source in Frankfort and have it changed. We elected these men and women, and only we are to blame for the laws they passed.

Dorothy Hughes  
2709 Cranston Drive  
Jeffersontown

Among other letters received on this subject are two from students who would not identify themselves. The editor would like to use your letters, but will not unless they identify themselves to him. Their names will be withheld, but their authorship must be verified if the letters are to be published.

## Anti-busers answer League of Women Voters

Dear Editor:

As concerned citizens, associated with Save Our Community Schools, Inc., we are troubled by the recent letter written by the League of Women Voters to the boards of education of Louisville, Anchorage and Jefferson County (reprinted in The Voice-Jeffersonian Jan. 23). We are in agreement with the league in that every citizen should have access to a free public education. As law-abiding citizens, we are in opposition to the federal court's order to desegregate. However, we feel that the method of forced busing as the means of desegregation works against the best interest of all children. Under the existing law, there is no housing discrimination. Therefore, it is possible for every American to live where he so chooses. We all live in communities because of certain factors, such as money available for the home, convenience to shopping, churches, and most certainly because of

the schools in that district. The neighborhood school's success cannot help but be improved by the local mothers and children who constantly work to improve their educational environment. Living in close proximity to the school enhances one's ability to be of service to that school and the community. A child's education can best be nourished under the security of a neighborhood school.

## Women Voters say 'thanks'

Dear Editor:

The League of Women Voters is grateful to you for printing the statement we made to the Louisville, Jefferson County, and Anchorage school boards dealing with local desegregation, and for associating yourself with our views. Until you printed our complete statement Jan. 24, the local press had reported only that

We would hope that the League of Women Voters would ask themselves if this method of integration is in the best interest of our community.

Mrs. R. K. Guillaume  
3505 Pinecone Circle  
Also signed by:  
Mrs. William Fuller  
Mrs. Robert Higgins  
Mrs. Rhea Larimore  
Mrs. Sally Peake  
Mrs. Kenneth J. Thomas

we made a "statement of support" of the Federal Appeals Court ruling, and this led to many questions and misunderstandings about our position.

Mrs. Kenyon Stevenson, President, League of Women Voters of Louisville and Jefferson County, 24, 115 S. Fwing Avenue Louisville, 40206

## Reader supports Mr. Sexton

Dear Editor:

Speaking from the standpoint of a professional association of six years, I would like to speak out for Mr. James Sexton of Jefferson County High School as a conscientious administrator who seems genuinely interested in the growth of each student with whom he comes in contact. He works hard at doing a thankless job who. The "instructive high school administration" that is damaging young lives has thus far escaped my notice.

Speaking from the standpoint of a parent of five boys and girls who have made their way or are at this time making their way through the Jefferson County school system, I would give utmost encouragement to school personnel who

cooperate with me in attempting to teach my children to abide by society's rules. No one is helping my child who allows him to feel that he can be exempt from the discipline to which everyone and everything in life is subject. Children (and adults) will never be adults until they learn to accept the consequences of their acts and learn to say "I did it and I'm sorry."

It is disappointing to hear from a media with the potential for constructive influence a student identical with that of the student who is unable to accept the fact that he cannot have unlimited freedom to do as he pleases.

Mrs. Benjamin Gardner Moore  
4011 Hillboro Road  
Springfield

## 'A bit hasty . . . completely wrong'

Dear Editor:

Your editorial contrasting a school administrator at Jefferson County High School and a visiting police officer was a bit hasty and completely wrong. It seems ironic that on Thursday your editorial was published and on Friday WAVE TV's Rodney Ford was complimenting Bishop David High School and other parochial schools for teaching discipline as well as A B C's.

Your facts were erroneous, you owe the administrators and the entire faculty at Jefferson County High School an apology.

Mrs. Norma Taylor  
9505 Garden Drive  
Jeffersontown



'Maybe what we need is a Wild Highways Act to preserve the countryside from the ravages of Fiscal Court.'

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The trade fair kicks off a \$100,000 fund raising drive intended to increase JA membership by 150 percent. Last year, JA grew by 63 percent regionally. The trade fair will be open from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday and from 12:30 - 5 pm Sunday.

Sherman said about 2,500 JA companies and 450 volunteer workers will be involved in the fund raising drive while companies from all 60 schools will be selling products at bargain rates during the weekend trade fair.

Junior Achievement is a national organization that promotes interest in business among high school students.

### Man of letters

New members will be welcome at the Feb. 13 meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons at 30

## Around Town

am, at the Zachary Taylor Post on Shelbyville Road.

Speaker will be Lynwood Garrett, customer representative of the post office, whose subject will be, "Past, Present and Future."

### Library service for the blind

An open meeting to discuss public library services for the blind and physically handicapped in the area is scheduled for 7 pm, Friday, Feb. 8 in the auditorium of the Kentucky school for the Blind, 1867 Frankfort Avenue.

Anyone interested in discussing the need for such services is asked to attend.

### Organ recital

Beagrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Road, will present an organ recital by Dr. Al Washburn on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

### Style show

Sacred Heart Alumna Association will sponsor a luncheon and style show on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Executive Inn's Canterbury Room. Reservations must be made by Feb. 14 with Nancy O'Brian, 459-0792 or Betty Carney, 287-9113.

### Class of '64

The 1964 graduating class of Eastern High School will hold a ten year reunion on March 22 at the Ramada Inn, Hurstbourne Lane, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Reservations should be made by Feb. 16. For more information call Sandy Reynolds Beatty, 491-1586 or 584-0151, or Cheryl Redmon Fust, 267-0404.

### Bird

The Beckham Bird Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Administration Building of the Louisville Zoo at 8 pm. The program will be presented by Dr. Bart L. Monroe Jr., Mology professor, and Mrs. F. W. Stamm.

### Clown around

The PTA of Boone Elementary School will present Presto, the Magic Clown, on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8 pm at the school, 1801 Rosewood Avenue. Admission will be 50 cents a person.

### Luncheon meeting

The public is invited to a luncheon meeting of Louisville Christian Wo

men's Club East on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11:45 at Holiday Inn Rivermont. Reservations may be made with Mrs. George Stocking, 455-0116.

### A woman's China

Lois Wheeler Snow, television and stage actress and widow of the author Edgar Snow, will speak to the Crescent Hill Woman's Club on Friday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 pm.

Mrs. Snow, who spent much time in Red China with her late husband and who returned to Peking in 1972 to study the Chinese theatre, will speak about "A Woman's China."

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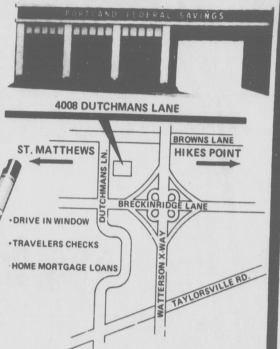
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# Lionesses care about children's eyes

By Kathy French  
Staff Writer

The discovery and care of visual problems in grade school students is the special mission of the Lions Club and Lionesses' auxiliary.

In Jefferson, early discovery of children's eye problems may well come through testing by members of the Lionesses, who this year have already completed eye checks in four local schools.

Ten women, members of the auxiliary of the Jefferson Lions Club, have voluntarily screened 1,363 children in the first, third and fifth grades at Cochrane, Kennedy, Saint Edward and Wheeler Elementary schools so far this year.

The Lionesses will test Jefferson Elementary School pupils on March 11.

The club women use a Titmus vision testing machine that was purchased by the Lions. The machine tests vision, acuity and muscle balance. If a student "fallops" any of these tests, he is referred to the Jefferson County Board of Health for re-testing.

The vision testing was begun by the club last year. Then, the women screened all six grades in the elementary schools. Janet Hartley, chairman of the eye testing committee, said due to the small number of the club's membership and the time element involved in testing so many children, the group decided to test only every other grade, this school year.

The actual vision testing is simple and requires only about one minute per student. The child is asked to sit or stand next to the machine, which is about the size of a large typewriter.

The student rests his head against

a soft padding and peers into the machine. Inside there is a chart with six vertical columns and four horizontal lines of capital letter E's, each pointing in a different direction. The Lioness asks the child to use his right hand and point in which direction the legs of the E are going.

Last year and this, the women have tested each school with one machine and two volunteers. At Cochrane, the Lionesses borrowed another Titmus machine from the Fern Creek Lions, said Mrs. Hartley, who arranged the loan.

With the additional machine and two more women, Cochrane was screened in a day and a half.

Mrs. Hartley explained the club was trained on the Titmus machine by the Jefferson County Board of Health.

Mrs. Ellen Buchart, director of nursing at the Jefferson County Board of Health, heaped praise on the Lionesses. "We feel they are doing an excellent job. We couldn't provide service without their volunteer work," she said.

Many students could not be screened if the volunteers did not offer the service. Mrs. Buchart said, "The Board of Health only tests first-graders in the city and county -- first-grade testing is required by state law."

When the Lionesses refer pupils to the health board, the nursing staff there reveals them. "On an average, 30 percent of those referred need to be referred to an eye specialist," said Mrs. Buchart.

"We send a letter home to the parents by way of the student," said Mrs. Buchart, informing the parent of the child's need for a vision test by an eye specialist. She said they also follow up the letter to see if the child received professional attention.

"With experience, the Lionesses become much more adept at recognizing problems and working with the children. Also, they become more secure, themselves (with the testing)," Mrs. Buchart added.

The Lions Club offers other free eye services to needy members of the community. Ches Wheeler, president of the Lions, said any needy individual may apply to the club and receive transportation to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for a medical examination, free eyeglasses or other corrective therapy.

The entire Lionesses Club works on the student eye testing project. Some babysit, others do the actual testing. Other Jefferson Lionesses are Mrs. Pat Flynn, president; Mrs. Clare Nelson, Monica Blandford, Mary Lee Jackson, Pauline Kinsaid, Audrey Strouth and Janet Camisano.



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DEMETRIUS FEXY, 10, a Cochrane Elementary School pupil, peers into the Titmus vision tester operated by Pat Wheeler of the Jefferson-town Lionesses.

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# Chargers slip by Warhawks in last minute

By Pandora Reynolds  
Jeffersonstown High School

Jeffersonstown High's basketball team was led by Westport in every quarter of Friday night except the one that counted. Jumping on top 13-12 after one period, Westport stretched the lead to 20-26 at the half and was on top 43-39 after three quarters.

But at the end the score was 52-49 and Jeffersonstown had the 52. With the score tied at 48 all, the Chargers scored a field goal to go up by two. Westport then missed three consecutive shots within five feet and had to settle for only a free throw.

Jeffersonstown's Vince Jackson then sank two free throws to close out the scoring. Westport shot only 23 percent and Jeffersonstown 28. David Martin was high scorer of the game with 22 points followed by Vincent Jackson with 13.

The Chargers will host their next game against Fairdale Friday. In other basketball action, Jeffersonstown's girls basketball team was defeated by Durrett's girls' team Thursday 44-42. The first quarter showed Jeffersonstown leading 11-6 and 21-20 at the half.

It was 32-26 at the third quarter as Durrett finally edged past Jeffersonstown by two points.

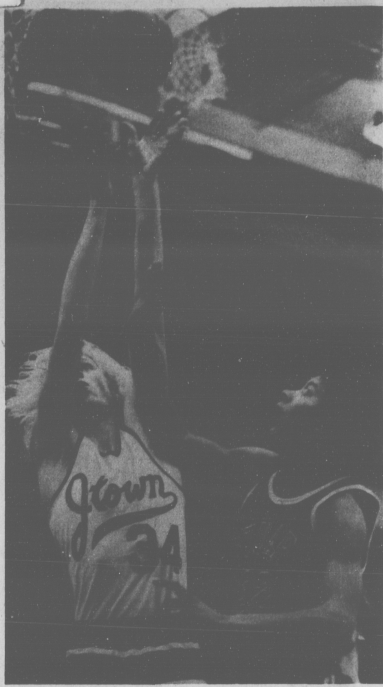
"We had scrimmaged them earlier in the year," said Charger coach Aurilla Lesley, and we won 52-48."

"We just didn't have enough hustle in this game."

Beckie Bennett was high scorer of the game followed by Donna Tyler with nine points. Tyler shot 16 out of 33 foul shots. Jackie Love was 12 out of 23 for foul shots.

High scorers for Durrett were Gail Heitinger with 17 and Marla Majors with 12. "Durrett drew fouls and won with them," said Mrs. Lesley. "We just weren't able to contain Marla Majors. We needed less fouling. That's how we lost the game."

The Charger girls record now stands at 8-7. Their next game will be played Thursday against Afton.



Staff photo by Mary Bridgman

CHARGER Dave Martin catches the rebound over a Stuart foe during the Jeffersonstown-Stuart contest. Vince Jackson was high for the night with 17. Martin added 13 to the Chargers 63-55 win.


## Obituaries

THOMAS ELDRIDGE, 51, of 3016 Valley Drive, died Jan. 29 and was buried Jan. 31. He was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church and an employee of W. T. Grant Co. He is survived by his wife, the former Sarah Johnson; a daughter, Miss Julia L. Eldridge, and a stepdaughter, Miss Phoebe Tussey of North Wood, England.

AUGUST L. MESSMER, 76, of 2508 Melody Way, died Feb. 3 and was buried Feb. 6. A retired accountant, he was a member of Bethel United Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, the former Lila Mae Crowder, a son, Charles K. Messmer; a daughter, Mrs. F. A. Biller Sr., and five grandchildren.

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# Christ listens to loneliness in dialogue service

Bill Fulkerson and Harold McNabb stood before the Crescent Hill Baptist church congregation Sunday evening, Fulkerson talked about loneliness, while McNabb simultaneously orated on the teachings of Christ.

"In this world where I live, I've had about as much as I can take," said Fulkerson, "Sometimes I feel like it's all over."

"Peter said he personally saw what Jesus Christ has done," responded McNabb, "That's the same thing I'm saying, I've seen what Jesus Christ has done to people."

Fulkerson and McNabb Seminary Village residents are staff members of Crescent Hill Baptist, Fulkerson is studying for his Associate of Ministries

and is director of the Portland Bridge Ministry, McNabb, is studying for his master of divinity, and is a minister of the community at the Portland Bridge Mission.

The men continued to talk, not listening to one another.

"What we have here is a failure to communicate," said McNabb, "What we have here is a bag of wind," his partner joked.

The duo compromised. They decided to listen to one another.

Fulkerson went on about the feelings of loneliness he and others often encounter. "Troubled waters, that's what loneliness is," he said, "The world is torn in two visions, it has caught sight of God in this grandeur, but doesn't

know what to do with it.

"Whom can we believe?" he asked, "No one, we go through life not wanting to get hurt by anyone, so we don't get close to anyone. All the lonely people come to the church, but no one takes us in, so we go away lonely. The world is a prison. The church seems to fear when we break out of our prisons. The world is lost."

"I see a vision and a beauty that hasn't gotten across," McNabb answered Fulkerson, "Christianity is like a piece of yeast. It grows and spreads into a whole community. The church belongs to the whole world."

"I am the same as you, I hurt, I get hungry. Maybe we dress a little different, I am in need of forgiveness like you."

"God has called us to life to minister, Jesus Christ came to break down barriers between men and men or men and God. So forgive me if I put up barriers. Let us go together, bringing down these barriers."

Fulkerson and McNabb awakened the congregation to the needs of the Portland Bridge Christian Mission, which helps the needy. They gave the congregation a direction it could follow in serving the Mission, themselves, and the church.

"We've seen people who have never been cared for their whole life," Fulkerson ended, "We need paint, nails, hope and encouragement. We're feeling small. When tears are in our eyes, can the church dry them all?"

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Wed. Mid Week 7:30 PM

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## Trinity Presbyterian names new organist

Thomas A. Seacat is the new organist at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Shelbyville Road. Seacat is a senior at the University of Louisville School of Music. Before joining Trinity's staff, he was organist and choir director for the Georgetown Christian Church, Georgetown, Ind.

He began his career at age 11 when he served as organist at what was then the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Georgetown. He is a member of the Bach society and Jim Mu Alpha,

## Baptist board plans child care rallies

The Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care will hold statewide Child Care Rallies during March to update church representatives working in the field of child and family help on current information and projects.

The central region meeting will be held at Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown at 11 am on March 4.

## Mending hearts

A chapter of The Mended Hearts Inc. is being formed in the Louisville area for those who have had open-heart surgery. The group will be open to all interested residents. In addition to monthly meetings, there will be special training programs for those wishing to become accredited visitors. Such visitors will meet and talk with patients about to undergo heart surgery or those having recently done so.

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The clinic will start promptly at 7:30 pm each evening, Feb. 10-14, and will be conducted by Dr. John H. Leland, medical director of the Pewee Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, assisted by Dr. E. Harold Roy, Chaplain of the hospital and Pleasant Grove Sanitarium. The Five Day Plan has the endorsement of the Louisville Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Sessions are free and open to the public.

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Forsythia is easy to force and it often roots in water too. New plants (from these branches) can be planted when weather warms up (May). Cut now, forsythia branches should take two to three weeks to bloom.

Other flowering branches suitable for forcing are: Azaleas, three to six weeks; Flowering Quince, (commonly called Japonica), four to five weeks; Spicebush, two to three weeks; Flowering Almond, three to four weeks; and Flowering Plum, three to four weeks. Some general rules for forcing branches:

- Select branches with the most buds.
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# The Voice-Jeffersonian School News

## Newsletter unmailed

By Barry Taylor

The principal's newsletter wasn't distributed around Westport in January, Principal James O. Gatewood says he's been busy attending meetings and other school functions and he's been ill with the flu.

Besides, Gatewood says, nothing too terribly important has been going on around school. And the paper shortage and expense problems caused him to scratch the letter for January.

The last letter came out in December.

## Westport

Basically, Gatewood's newsletter contains information about administrative matters, PTA functions and student government.

Gatewood said a newsletter will come out in February despite the problems. Instead of the usual two pages, it will be written on one page, front and back, he said.

## Scientific plans wanted for fair

March 23 is the deadline for entries in the 10th annual Louisville Regional Science Fair, sponsored by the Louisville Engineering and Scientific Societies' Council.

Entries should be made through school science teachers. A spokesman said students in senior, intermediate and junior divisions will compete for a

chance to take part in the International Science and Engineering Fair at Notre Dame University, South Bend, on May 5-11.

This year's fair will take place April 6 at Jefferson High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane. The 12 Louisville-area Kiwanis Clubs and area science teachers help sponsor the event.

# Paper slams problems softly

By Denise Logsdon

"Pep club died a slow agonizing death this year when the blood ceased to flow to its supporting legs. It tried very hard to survive but became weaker

## Seneca

and weaker until it could no longer stand. With this loss of movement, its morale hit the dirt and it lost its spirit to live."

The Sentinel, a student newspaper, ran the above "obituary" in the Jan. 30 issue. "Classifieds" included "Obituaries," "Lost and Found," "Wanted," "Misses," "Births," and "Memorandum," and "In Appreciation."

After beginning the year with a large membership to support the football team, the Pep Club began to fade away shortly before basketball season. By the middle of the season, "it was gone," laments a former member.

Besides the Pep Club, the Future Teachers of America was listed as dead. Its death was attributed to "tuberculosis," which could have been cured by "much attention and tender care which this atmosphere will not tolerate."

Class unity, organization, and willingness of individual students to work for the benefit of the entire student body were classified as "Lost." The only "found" was a fork in the cafeteria ceiling.

Sponsors headed the "Wanted" list. Sentinel Features Editor Janet Steen said the sponsors were needed for

"various things," but especially for the chess and debate teams.

Seneca's Student Council was reported to be "experiencing an unusually grave disease. Parts of it are suffering from overwork and mental fatigue while the great majority of it is suffering from boredom and twiddling thumbs."

Also ill were the Beta Club, suffering "tuberculosis," and the Chess Club, with "anti-sporositis."

Some happier notes were to be found in the column. Under "Births," the Spanish Club rebirth was announced, dated in the fall of 1973. The club "is now thriving. It feeds on riches and is planning future travels to maintain its excellent health."

Patty Gibson, money-raising chairperson of the Spanish Club verifies this "excellent health." The club is planning a trip to Mexico this summer, and Patty reports 28 students going. She believes the trip is responsible for the club's new enthusiasm.

"This is the first time since the 'Amigos' Genexchange program Spanish students participated in several years ago) that the club has really tried to do anything. People like to travel and we're doing something exciting, going to a foreign country," Patty said.

Two other clubs, the Math Club and the Seneca Atlantology Society (SAS) were in the "Births" column. The Math Club has the "tendency to contract anti-sporositis," but was otherwise "healthy."

The SAS, "newest member of the Redskin Family" is a group formed to study about the missing city of Atlantis.

Janet Steen believes the article was worthwhile. She said "The purpose of the column was to expose some of the problems that are affecting the school through humor because students can associate with this type of story better."

More school news will be found on page 11.

## Honor group adopts boy

By Rosanna Rigby

It's not often that one child has 76 parents. But one 12-year-old Korean boy has just that.

Choi Jung Sik's parents are the members of Waggener's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Jung Sik is enrolled in the Foster Parents program and the NHS supports

## Waggener

him for about \$200 per year. The money provides him with warm clothes, plenty of food, and a chance to go to school.

An active boy and a good student, Jung Sik writes with pride of his many sports triumphs, such as Korean wrestling, but is always careful to assure his "parents" that he is working hard at school and home.

Jung Sik's father is dead, he lives with his mother and older sister. Jung Sik writes to the NHS in Korean, with translations of his letters attached. His good wishes are sincerely meant, but he sometimes gets carried away. Here's an excerpt:

Dear Foster Parents,  
How are you? My mother and we are all fine in the best of health in your affectionate care.

In addition, he often tells of the fun he has playing with General MacArthur. The general is a statue in the main square of his town.

Jung Sik was adopted four years ago as a service project.

"Everybody gets a kick out of his letters, since he always tells us about his life and country. Along with his news, a sense of humor shines through," says senior Julie Beha.

THE NATIONAL HONOR Society also made some of Waggener's students happy as 37 juniors and seniors were tapped in a ceremony Jan. 23.

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# Rookie fireman lends hand, helps save country town

By Kathy French  
Staff Writer

"Anyone could have done it," said Bob Schenk, a rookie Jefferson town volunteer fireman, who on Jan. 10 took temporary charge of the Jackson, Ky., volunteer fire department during the worst fire in that community's history.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 30, Chief James C. Burnett of the Jackson department, visited the Jefferson town fire department to bestow an award on Schenk. The whole Jefferson town fire fighting force came out in dress blues to honor the quiet, embarrassed but beaming Schenk at their regular Wednesday night meeting.

Also, Jim Smith, county director of municipal coordination, representing Jefferson County Judge Todd Hollenbach, presented Schenk with a special recognition award from the judge.

Before the speeches were made and awards presented, Jefferson town Chief Bob Gaddie said of Schenk, "He's such a quiet guy. He doesn't say two words. I don't know how he did the things he did."

Schenk is the fireman who is usually seen video taping the fire department's softball games and social outings. His interest in communications is now part of his livelihood, as he works for Dayton Communications Co., Dayton, Ohio.

His job sent him to Hazard, Ky., on Jan. 10. Schenk recalled he had finished his business calls about 6 pm and headed for home. Radio reports of flooding in that part of the state prompted him to take an alternate route home.

When he arrived at the small community of Jackson, he spotted red lights on the side of the road at a trailer court. He got out of the car and began talking to the fireman and chief Burnett as the Jackson force pumped water from the fast rising flooded trailer park.

Besides fire department chit-chat, Schenk said, he found a man who "talked TV's." The two continued their conversation in the man's home, and

the chief joined them later. About 11:30 pm the fire alarm went off, and Burnett told Schenk he could ride along to the scene of the fire. When Schenk and the chief arrived at the scene of a long row of buildings, the chief donned a survival air pack and entered a donut shop that seemed to be the source of the fire. Meanwhile Schenk helped hook hose to the hydrant.

By then, the Jackson fire department arrived with their only truck, a 750-gallon pumper. As the firemen tried to thread a nozzle on the hose, it flew off and crashed into the plate glass window of the donut shop where the chief was fighting the fire.

The nozzle hit Burnett in the head, knocked his air mask from his face, and cut his head and hand. Schenk said he could see the chief was in a daze, so he and two Jackson firemen entered the building and dragged out the heavy-set Burnett.

Then, the mayor of the community of 2,700 people had arrived at the scene of the fire. Schenk said he had met the mayor earlier in the night. Burnett, who later said he had been impressed with Schenk's training in Jefferson town, prompted the mayor to appoint Schenk "acting chief."

Schenk began barking orders and the

fire was contained by the time five other fire departments arrived. The Jefferson town man was particularly concerned about a row of houses and apartments behind the flaming businesses, he recalled.

He said later, the houses received no smoke damage and were only slightly blistered. He also proudly said only the buildings originally inflamed were destroyed, while the rest of the block was saved.

It took about 3 1/2 hours to douse the flames, and it was 5:00 am, Jan. 11, before the exhausted firemen left the scene.

The Jackson firemen took Schenk back to their firehouse and put him to bed. The next day the grateful firefighters bought Schenk new clothes, fed him and sent him home that afternoon. "It was one hell of an experience," said Schenk later. As a "yellow hat" rookie fireman, he summed up his experience of giving commands rather than following them -- "You learn to respect orders more so than you normally would."

The 25-year-old fireman modestly gave credit for his deeds to the training he received from the Jefferson town fire department. Receiving his awards he ducked his head and shyly said, "Without my training, especially from Daniel Ruckriegel, I couldn't have done it."

Chief Burnett agreed, saying "this fire department's training must be excellent. Robert did an excellent job." Schenk is very concerned about the plight of tiny Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. At the time of the fire, he said, the 25-man department had only three fire coats among them. Schenk said the fire department has sought funds from the community and the state without success.

So, he said, Chief Gaddie has donated some old fire coats, gloves, boots and 600 feet of fire hose which the Jackson men can patch and use. Schenk said he is going to enroll in the state fire instructor course in April and is "going down one month to offer my services" to his new-found Jackson firemen friends.

# Council views public safety

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Chief Walter D. Murphy to appoint as temporary acting sergeant the officer of his choice. It will fill the command vacancy left when Murphy was promoted from sergeant to chief last month.

After the meeting, Murphy said he would appoint Officer James Rich to the NCO post. The department soon will establish an examination and testing system for promotions. Murphy said, at which time the sergeant's post will be permanently filled.

In other business, the Jefferson town City Council:

--Voted to establish six standing committees, and named chairmen and vice chairmen for each.

They are administration and finance, Bernice Hopkins and Edward T. Martin; public protection, Thomas A. Barrett and Chesley F. Wheeler; public works, Richard L. Mazzoli and Eugene Vail; parks and recreation, Wheeler and Martin; economic development, Vail and Mazzoli, and committee on committees, Martin and Vail.

The new government deletes the old health and welfare and water and sewerage committees, which now will be contained under public works; and expands the old community center committee into parks and recreation.

Also, the former safety committee is renamed public protection, and the old finance committee now is administration and finance.

**Building permits**

--Approved five building permits, topped by one for Citizens Fidelity Bank to build a branch office on Timberwood Circle in Plainville, valued at \$94,600.

Also approved was a permit for H & H Automotive to build a wooden fence to shield its rear repair and storage yard on Taylorsville Road. A representative of H & H agreed to follow the recommendation of the city

historical preservation commission about what color to paint the new fence. Councilman Vail announced building permits were issued in January for new construction totaling \$344,400, topped by six single-family dwellings. Heating permits during January added another \$189,500, Vail said.

--Was told by Councilman Wheeler that state park officials have approved the community center's proposed addendum to the center's lease with the city.

Now, Wheeler, said, if the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation also approves, the \$15,000 federal grant that has been locked in controversy for almost

a year will be released for city parks use.

--Offered cooperation to students of the U of L's Institute for Community Development, who plan to use Jefferson town as a "target community" for a long-range comprehensive urban planning study.

--Presented Mrs. Evelyn Mullins of Jefferson town, a representative of the Young Mothers Council of Kentucky, a citation declaring the week of May 15-18 as "Mother of the Year Week" in Jefferson town.

--Heard the meeting invocation given by the Rev. Thomas BeMiller, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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## Around Jefferson town

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The coffee will be Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 am, at the new school.

**THE YOUNG GROUP** of Jefferson town United Methodist Church will hold a pancake breakfast at the church on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Payment will be by free will offering, and proceeds will be used to finance the UMYF annual spring retreat in March.

ST. EDWARD PTA will sponsor a dessert card party on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 pm, at the school cafeteria. Admission will be \$1.50 per person. There will be special prizes and a flower boutique sale.

**THE WOMAN'S CLUB** of Jefferson town will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 8:00 am, at the Jefferson town United Methodist Church. James Bentele, secretary of the Filson Club, will be the guest speaker in honor of American History Month.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, club members will go to Jefferson town High School to conduct their annual student sewing, art and music contest. The event will be held in the home economics department at 3 pm.

## Fire runs

The Jefferson town Volunteer Fire Department responded to four alarms last week, reported fireman Joe Calman.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 30, firemen were called to the Jefferson County Vocational School, 3101 Bluebird Lane, where a school bus reportedly was on fire. No damage or cause was reported.

The next day, Jan. 31, the department made three runs. That morning the firemen removed a smoking mattress from a home at 4110 Leo Lane, cause and estimate of damage unknown. About 3 pm, a field fire broke out behind Jefferson town High School.

Finally, the firemen extinguished a car fire at 2615 Old Hickory Road.

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